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Vol. XXXIV. No. 4882. 號十三月二十年八十七百八千一英 HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 80, 1878. 19, Rue Moneseur, Parie. sau Street. bourne and Sydney. & Co. Manila. FORD & Co. Banks. H. Hoppius, Esq. Hon. W. Krawick. MANAGER. Shanghai, Ewen Cameson, Esq. Bank. balance. For Fixed Deposits :-Hongkong, November 26, 1878. DEPOBITS.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL. LONDON :-- F. ALGLE, 8, Clement's Lune, Lombard Street. GRORGE STREET & Co., 80, Cornhill. Gordon & Goton, Ludgate Oiroue, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jeebry, B.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall PARIS AND EUROPE :- LEON DE ROSNY NEW YORK:--AEDREW WIND, 188, Nos-AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZKALAND:-- GORDON & GOTOR, Mei-

SAN FRANCISCO and American Porta generally :- Bran & Black, San Fran-SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:-SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HRINSZEN

CHINA:-Macao, Messes A, A. DE MELLO & Co. Swatow, CAMPBRILE & Co. Foothers, Hungu & Co. Shanghai. LAME, . CRAWFORD & Co., and KREET & WALSH. Yokohama, LANE, CRAW-

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND,......1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman F. D. SASSOON, Esq. Deputy Chairman-W. H. FOBBES, Esq. E. R. BELILIOS, Esq. | A. Molver, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, WILHELM REINERS, W. S. Young, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong,..... THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS .- London and County

HONGRONG. INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. ,, ,, 5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

DATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office. D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager. Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS. TRALIA, AND CHINA.

RESERVE FUND, £150,000. Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH In HONGRONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial pieces in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per shoum on the daily balance. On Fixed Deposits.

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For sale.

FOR SALE. TAINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrns. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETTS'S DIARIES for 1879.

CASES. CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.

American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES. COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING. TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS. California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS. Fancy Patterns. TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH

TOWELS. LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP.

FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. FANCY FLANNEL for Gents'. Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE. CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS,

Assorted Patterns. ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS. CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VEYBON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES,

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS. IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description. FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES. KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOS. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH. CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORYDE OF LIME. &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!! CHRISTMAS!!!

DOSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Feronia, and FRENCH and ENGLISH MAILS. WELL-SELECTED STOCK,

Comprising:-LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIM MED FRENCH BONNETS AND HATS. FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS. FANCY TIES and SCARFS. PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE

SETS. NEW RIBBONS and LACES. SUNSHADES in all the Newest Pat-

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS. DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with Velvereens and TRIM-MINGS to match. BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS. COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PE-LISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS

and SHOES. GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS. HOSIERY, SCARFS and TIES, HAND-KERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS,

BED and TABLE LINEN. TAPESTRY and CRETONNE HANG-INGS, in all the New Shades and Designs. TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A GOOD SELECTION of MECHANICAL. and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPEDE HORSES. CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBU. DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET SETS. TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS. The OLEOPATRA, ROULETTE, MAGIC FISH, &c., &c. BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS' GIFTS for LADIES and GENTLE-MEN, in the Latest Novelties and Inven-Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

HAS dust Received DES "CYPHRENES," HAS FOR BALE-

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW OURTAINS of all kinds. TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS. HATS IN EVERY STYLE. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES,

88 and 90, Queen's Road Contral. Hongkong, December 11, 1878,

For Sale.

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Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE | TILUM PUDDINGS. CHRISTMAS CAKES. MINCEMEAT. SMYRNA FIGS.

ELVAS PLUMS. CRYSTALLISED FRUITS. DRAGEES.

French and English BONBONS. CHOCOLĂTE for DESSERT. ASSORTED COSAQUES, TELEPHONE CRACKERS. CONFERENCE CRACKERS. AQUARIUM CRACKERS. French and English TOYS. MECHANICAL TOYS.

DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes. SWIMMING DOLLS. DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX. DANCING and WALKING DOLLS. PUNCH and JUDY SHOW.

ROCKING HOBSES. MUSICAL BOXES. TEA and DINNER SETS. NOAH'S ARKS. WHEELBARROWS.

GUNS and SWORDS. SPADES and PAILS. BARREL ORGANS. French ALBUMS.

LADIES' DRESSING CASES, GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES WORK BASKETS and BOXES. LADIES'-COMPANIONS. PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES. CARD RECEIVERS. STATUETTES.

Bohemian FLOWER VASES. Pharcah WRITING CABINETS, SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal, RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS. MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.

Electro Plated SCISSORS in Cases. BIBLES. PAINT BOXES, Fitted. TOILET BOTTLES and VASES. ANEROIDS. CROCODILE SCENT CASES. CIGAR BOXES. WRITING DESKS.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES. ·LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE. MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS. Partaga's HAVANA CIGARS. 3 p.m.

LANE, CRAWFORD &

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

intimations.

6th DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial 8 per Cent. Loan of 1874.

ATOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par in Hongkong on the 31st of December, and in London, on the 49th of February next when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, situate No. 31 Lombard Street. in this City, in the presence of Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

314	Bonds N	os.:-		٠.				•	• ` .
20	649	1281	1928	2565	3193	380 4	4428	5057	5673
23	665	1316	1951	2591	3208	3824	4445	5070	5698
42	687	1329	1965	2601	3230	3847	4462	5097	5720
78	718	1349	1992	2623	3255	3862	4492	5108	5733
93	726	1367	2013	2644	3262	3898	4513	5128	5760
113	753	1400	2026	2673	3 295	3913	453 4	5156	5773
140		1408	2055	2683	3312	3937	4558	5173	5800
155	·	1438	2073	2709	3321	3953	4564	51 94	5803
179		1452	2086	2732	33 4 3	3971	4597	6219	5823
196	-	1469	2117	2756	3373	3997	4615	5223	5841
207		1488	2124	2762	3396	4001	4629	5244	5872
230	·	1512	2149	2791	3413	4037	4657	5271	5900
249	4	1524	2162	2801	8437	4045	4661	5289	5903
265		1554	2189	2824	8455	4078	4681	5320	5938
298	·	1869	2220	2845	3475	4095	4714	5331	5953
318		1600	2221	2861	3496	4112	4729	6369	5977
338		1611	2259	2882	8520	4181	4742	5878	5983
358	983	1625	2275	2905	3527	4162	4766	8866	6018
372		1647	2281	2930	8664	4172	4785	6403	6027
892		1671	2303	2947	3568	4181	4807	6432	6003
418	£	1697	2329	2969	3591	4208	4824	6444	6063
434		1716	2344	2999	3616	4225	4852	5465	6092
455		1732	2361	8001	8622	4248	4877	54 90	6103
468		1742	2400	8041	3667	4265	4894	5501	6127
486		1776	2411	3085	8561	4297	4910	5535	6143
618		1792	2438	3061	3694	4308	4940	5548	6163
525		1607	2445	3083	8714	4826	4957	5 58 7	6192
558		1823	2475	3107	8722	4352	4965	5581	6214
564		1850	2482	3131	8748	4362	4995	5617	6224
588		1870	2510	8141	8764	4400	5011	₫624	6255
	A., —		0704	2170	2760	4414	Anze	TARK	6271

For £100 Sterling each, = £31,400.

For the HONCKONG & SHANCHAI BANKING CORPORATION (Signed) - WM. NICHOLLS, Acting Accountants

Countersignes; . W. W. VENN, Junioti Notary Public, 2) Pope's Head Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

LONDON, 22nd October, 1878.

intimations.

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CHINESE IMPERIAL EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1874.

THE COUPONS falling due on the 31st December next of the above LOAN together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be Paid at the Office of this CORPORATION on and after that Date. For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION Agents Issuing the Loan. T. JACKSON, Ohief Manager.

Hongkong, December 28, 1878. W. KERR TAYLOR, HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER, DECORATOR.

GLASS EMBOSSING AND GILDING. Temporary Premises : Fletcher's Buildings, Behind R. N. Seaman's Club, HONGKONG.

December 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

THENDERS for REPAIRING the French Barque "ESPERANCE," GUILLON, Master, will be Received at the French Consulate up to TUESDAY, the 31st of December, at 3 p.m. Separate Tenders required :--

a. -For Repairing the Hull of the Vessel. b,-For Repairing the Rigging of the

For particulars, apply to the French Consulate, or the Captain on Board. CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Hongkong, December 28, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE. The Departure of the S. S. "ZAMBOANGA" for PORT DARWIN, COOK-TOWN, SYDNEY, MEL. BOURNE, &c., is unavoidably Postponed until TUESDAY, the 31st Instant, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, December-28, 1878.

FOR MANILA. The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. Cullen, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 31st Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RÚSŠELL & Co. Bongkong, December 28, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "MIN-Y-DON," Captain Leslie, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 German Bark "MANILA II," GONNER, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or about the

5th January. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hangkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG. The 3/3 L. 1. 1. German Bark have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK. The American Ship "FLEETWING," have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to .. VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark " MERCURY," D. Thomas, Master, will load here for the above Port, and

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

will have quick despatch,

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "MELROSE? PLUMER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 2, 1878.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

PRICE; \$24 PER ANNUM.

FOR MELBOURNE & DUNEDIN (N.Z.) The British Barque

"HOTSPUR," Capt. SHAW, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

FOR LONDON. The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Swedish Bark "ALMA," Captain O. Ohlsson, will be despatched as above on or before the 10th January, 1879.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. FINE Undersigned has received in-

structions from the Hon. J. M. PRICE, to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY

the 6th January, 1879, at 2 o'Clock p.m., (owing to change of Residence), at his residence, West Hermitage, Caine Road,-

The Whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining, Bed, and Library, Rooms

Furniture. English-made Walnut Cretonne Covered Drawing-room Suite. French made Marble-top Side Table,

Card Tables and Plate Glass Cabinets. Gilt Framed Chimney Glass, Chromolithographs, Water Colors, Engravings, Marble Mantel-piece Clock, Italian Bronzes and Ornaments.

A Valuable Collection of Rare Minerals and Shells.

English made Mahogany Extension Dining Table and Sideboard. Dining-room Chairs, Whatnots, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glassware, Plated-ware and Table Linen. Electric Observatory Clock and Ther-

mometers. Iron Bedstead, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, English-made Morocco Covered Couch, Mahogany Marble-top Washstand, Teak Writing Table, Glass Book

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 4th January.

TERMS OF SALE. - As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG. - Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIBLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th January, 1879, the 1st Class IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

"AMERICA," of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs. J. and R. Swan, of Dumbarton, and Engined by Messrs. Top and McGregor, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal). working up to 450 H.-P. effectual; Con-STEFFENS, Master, will load sumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; here for the above Port, and will Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular ; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth. extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet in.; . -Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in. Draft, light, 9 feet ; loaded, 17 feet.; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Guest, Master, will load here Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bun-for the above Port, and will kers; Class. Lloyds 90 A1; Water Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARFIELD's Patent Windlass | Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin_ Passengers and Cabin aft. for 8. Boilers retubed in Hongkong in June, and the

> order. Spare Engine Gear and Coal to by SOLD SEPARATELY. For further Particulars, apply to

> Hull and Machinery now in first-class

Messra. Birley & Co., or the Auction. EERS, where Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE, -- Half Cash on fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

> HUGHES & LEGGE. Auctionsers.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878, 1870.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, December 20, 1878.

MOORE & Co., OVARIETY & TORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

CHIU, WONG PHOTOGRAPHER. No. 84, Queen's Road, Honokong. (Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

CHINESE VIEWS FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRIOE. December 11, 1878.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to R. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, B. E. AD-MIRAL ALTRED P. RYDER, AND TO H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

TINDER the Management of D. K. GRIFFITH, recently of the Wood BURYTYPE Co. Halargements are now being made in

PERMANENT PIGMENT, Guaranteed to be indestructible by time or climate and at Prices very little more than were charged for the old perishable Silver Prints. Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting Instrument for the production of Children's Portraits.

ALL STYLES OF PHOTOGRAPHY! Taken Daily at Moderate Charges. Studio, Queen's Road,

Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSUR-ANCE CO., LIMITED.

sequence of Mesers OLYPHANT | Hongkong Government Gazette. & Co. having Suspended Payment, the Board of Directors of the above Company, at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Instant, Appointed Mr J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Busihess of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of Directors with Reference to the Appointment of Mr J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent of the Company, an Extraordinary MEETING of the SHARE-HULDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th January, 1879, at 3 o'Clock in the After- 25th day of November, 1878. noon, when an audited Statement of the Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board, WM. REINERS, Chairman. Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

NOTICE.

FALCONER & Co. beg to annquice that, during December and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY. WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an Elegant Assortment of SILVER CUPS, auitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS. Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-PANY, LIMITED.

FIGHE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 27th Inst. to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive. A. NEWTON,

Manager. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

. FIRE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the Sistinstant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. BRAQLEE SMITH,

General Agent, pro tem Hongkong, December 18, 1878,

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

MHE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the BOOLETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next. The Days of Exhibition will be advertified as an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR, Hon. Beefetery, Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

NOTICE:

TN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6 BYANKEY STREET, Where Business will be

Conducted as naual. Hongkong, December 28, 1878.

NOTICE. DE EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at bis new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, OVER the Madical Hall. Arrang, September 29, 1878,

Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY. THE undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 1st January, 1879.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," D. A. J. OROMBIE, Act ng Manager. For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,"

H. H. NELSON, Manager. For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China." WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SOHWEBLIN, Actg. Agent. For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, L'ted.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager. Hongkong, December 23, 1878.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTOY.

NOTICE.—WILLIAM PUSTAU lately trading at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Canton and Shanghai in China in co-partnership with CARL WILHELM SIEGFRIED WILLIAM PUSTAU the Younger and CUNRAD MUNROE DON-NER under the Style or Firm of "WM. PUSTAU & Co." as Merchants and Commission Agents, and also lately carrying on Business at Hamburg in the Empire of Germany under his individual name and on his sole account and the said CONRAD MUNROE DONNER, having been respectively adjudged Bankrupts under Petitions for adjudication of Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy on the 23rd day of December, 1878, and the 27th day of December, 1878. respectively are hereby required to surrender themselves to the Honorable CHAR-LES BUSHE PLUNKET the Registrar of the said Court at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held before the said Registrar on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January,

The said CHARLES BUSHE PLUNKET is the Official Assignee and Messrs SHARP, TOLLER AND JOHNSON are the Solicitors acting in the respective Bankruptoles. A Public Sitting will hereafter be ap-

pointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupts to pass their final examination and to make application for their discharge NYOTICE is hereby given, that in con- of which sitting notice will be given in the

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Registrar will receive the Proofs of the Debts of the Creditors and the Creditors may elect an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupta' Estate and Effects. Dated this 28th day of December, 1878.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS,

TT is hereby notified that Probate of the last Will and Testament of JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased, was Granted to the Undersigned on the

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS. D. A. DOS REMEDIOS. M. C. DO ROZARIO, A. A. DOS REMEDIOS. Hongkong, December 14, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD. Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

TITHEREAS it having become known to the Proprietors of DR BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE that a worthless imitation, bearing a similar name, is exported to India, China, &c., and endeavoured to be feisted on purchasers as equal in efficacy to Dr Bright's Phosphodyne, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr Bright's (the only genuine) Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr Bright's Phosphodyne is sold

2nd .- The words "Dr Bright's Phosphodyne" are clearly blown in each bottle, 8rd .- The Registered Trade Mark and Signature of Patentee are printed on the label of every case.

4th.—Directions for use in all the following languages are enclosed in each case-English, French, German, Italian, Dutch Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish Turkish, Persian, Hindostani, Madrasse, Bengalee, Chinese, and Japanese. Without which none can POSSIBLY

be Genuine. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE Is the Only Reliable Remedy for

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Aolg. Agent. Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

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To-day's Advertisements.

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Hongkong, December 80, 1878,

To-day's Advertisements.

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SHIPPING.

Dec. 29, 4 p.m., Atalanta, German sir., 782, G. Petersen, Haiphong Dec. 24, and Hollow 28, General - Meyer & Co. - Dec. 29, *Esmeralda*, British steamer, 898 Cullen, Amoy Dec. 28, General, -- RUSSELL

Dec. 29, Yattung, British steamer, 286, S. W. Goggin, Swatow Dec. 28, General.-Kwok Acheong. Dec. 30, Ningpo, British steamer, 761, R.

Cass, Shanghai Dec. 27, 2 p.m., General.— Siemssen & Co. Dec. 30, America, British ateamer, 562, J. Graham, Haiphong Dec. 24, via Hoihow, General — LANDSTEIN & Co.

Dec. 80. Stonewall Jackson, American barque, 1102, N. S. Bartlett, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Nov. 8, Coal.—ARNHOLD, KAR-BEEG & Co.

DEPARTURES. Dec. 28, Moneta, for New York.

29. Douglas, for Coast Ports. 29, Burmese, for Yokohama. 29, Holstein, for Guam. 29. Hakon Adelstein, for Singapore.

29 Somerset, for Australian Ports. 29, Hailoong, for Amoy, &c. 29, Thales, for Hollow. 29, Ægean, for Takow, &c. 29, Friedrich, for Touron. 29, Iraouaddy, for Shanghai.

30. Varuna, for Fuyan.

80, Ningpo, for Canton. CLEARED. Nardoo, for Guam.

Marco Polo, for Quinhon, PASSENGERS. Per Atalanta, from Haiphong, &c., Mr Ed. Herton, and 68 Chinese. Per Ningpo, from Shanghal, Hon. J. Russell, Dr. and Mrs Pollock, Lieut

Saunders, Dr. Berry, Mr W. Burr, and 56 Per Esmeralda, from Amoy, 150 Chinese, and I European deck. Per Yottung, from Swatow, 180 Chinese. Per America, from Halphong, &c., 80

Chinese. DEPARTED. Per Volga, for Yokohama; from Hongkong, Hon. W. Keswick; from Marsoilles, Messrs Van der Poth, Narrussima, Wubo. Ichiwara, Tesima, Ota, Ohashi, Kohawara, Stornebrink, and Dubois; from Naples, Mr

Kuoblock. Per Iraquaddy, for Shanghai; from Honge kong, Mies Remusat, Messrs Molchanoff Marshall, W. W. Swayne, C. E. Hill Mendel, Mollison and Seaman, Mrs Yates Miss Mills, Mrs Seaman, and one Chinese from Marzeilles, Mr and Mrs Morrisson, Miss Morrisson, Messrs Nagacka, Relph Beattle, Percebois, Drake, Elliston, Parrott, Faure and Maignan,

Per Burmess, for Yokohama, Mrs Walstab, and Mr Anton. Per Somerset, for Sydney, Mr W. Krohn, 10 Europeans deck, and 20 Chinese. Per Hakon Adelstein, for Singapore and Penang, 454 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The Corman steamer Atalanta reports : Left Halphong 24th Dec. at 8 a.m.; arrived Holhow 25th at 9 a.m., left Holhow 28th Captain Dow, will load here at 8 a.m., arrived in port 29th at 6 p.m. Haiphong to Hoihow and in Helhow strong N.N.E. breeze, thence to port moderate str. Conquest. In Holhow | str. America.

bound to Hongkong. The British steamer Esmeralda reporte: N.H. winds to Breaker Point. Thence to port fresh Northerly winds and clear wea-

The British Steamer Yottung reports: Fitie weather throughout the passage. The British steamer Ningpo reports : First part light monsoon and fine weather, latter same weather and heavy monsoon, The British steamer America reports Strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea 1489 | throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c. -

Per Zamboanga, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 31st inst., instead of as proviously notified. For MANILA .-

Per Esmeralda, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the Slat inst. For SAIGON .--

Per Olympia, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the Stat inst. For BANGKOK.

Per Dale, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 2nd January. For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOOHOW .---Per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m., on Thursday,

For SAIGON,-Per Clive, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd January.

the 2nd inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Gaelic, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, with Mails for Japan San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:-2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters

(except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure. MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET, -The British Contract Packet Teheran will be despatched on SATURDA) the 4th January, with Mails to and

through the United Kingdom and

Europe vid Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Malta, and Gibraltar. MAILS BY THE PRENCH PACKET .-The French Contract Packet Sindh will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 11th January, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Balgon, Straits

Settlements, Datavia, Burmah, Ceylon,

Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutts, Bom-

bay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping. p.m. - Zamboanga leaves for Port Darwin, dec.

4 p.m.-Esmeralda leaves for Manila.

Tenders Close. S p.m.—Tenders for Repairing the Esperance close.

Miscellaneous. Coupons and Drawn Bonds of Chinese -Imperial Loan payable at H. K. & S. Bank on and after this date.

General Memoranda. WEDNESDAY, (New Year's Day), 1879 :--

Local Banks close for Public Business.

THURSDAY, January 2:-Goods per Iraouaddy undelivered after Noon, subject to rent_and landing charges. 3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'. Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San

Friday, January 8:---Ports. 7 a.m.—Atalanta leaves for Hoihow, &c.

Francisco.

SATURDAY, January 4:-Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Opera Bouffe at the City Hall.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DEC. 80, 1878. IT is now sixteen days since the tele

gram reached here announcing that General Roberts had reached the Shutar Gurdan Pass. As this Pass is within fifty miles of Cabul, it is obvious that if the Kurram column had been steadily pushed on after its arrival at Shutar Gurdan, it would by this time, even allowing for a few days check at the Pass, have reached the Afghan capital. But nothing whatever has been heard of General Roberts since the telegraphic approuncement of his arrival at Shutar Gurdan was received. There are three Left Amoy on the 28th, and had moderate reasons which may account for this apparent delay in the General's further advance. The first, and most improbable, of the three is the inability of the troops under his command to force the Pass. We say that this is the most improbable reason, because, were the Pass the only obstacle to General Roberts's advance, it is most likely that he would have made some effort to capture it and the result of School from the let January 1879

his operations should have formed the subject for a telegram. The General can be scarcely waiting for reinforcements, because the five or six thousand men he has with him ought to be sufficient to enable him to attack the Pass he is understood to be facing, and to carry him with safety much nearer Cabul than the spot where the last telegram left him. Besides there is little doubt that, after the General's successes, if it were discovered that an advance upon Cabul could be best made through the Kurram Valley, reinforcements would have been immediately hurried up, and little or no delay in the operations of the main column would have resulted.

A second, and more probable reason

is, that, owing to the difficulties of the

route during the winter season, the further advance of all the invading forces has been postponed until the return of the warm weather. When war was declared, it was certainly not contemplated by any of our Indian contemporaries that General Roberts's force would advance beyond Peiwar during the winter, or that the Khyber Pass force would advance beyond Jallalabad. Both these places have now been reached, and General Roberts has got as far as Shutar Gurdan. It will certainly be a great pity if the advance to Cabul has to be delayed until the spring, although we may feel assured that the British military authorities will endeavour to push on at once to the Afghan capital unless some weighty reasons render advisable the postponement of further operations until Burmab, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, the return of the warm weather. The third reason for the delay in General Roberts's advance may be the desirability of waiting for the Khyber Pass force, which is advancing on Cabul in a line almost parallel with that along which the Kurram force is advancing, only twenty or thirty miles of country interveningebetween the two routes in the neighbourhood of Peiwar and Shutar Gurdan, This latter place, which is about forty or fifty miles from Cabul, was reached by General Roberts before the 14th December; Jalialabad, which is ninety miles from Cabul, was only reached on the 23rd December; so that the Khyber Pass force was a long way behind that which passed through the Kurram Valley.

If Yakoob Khan has been proclaimed Ameer of Afghanistan, it is questionable if the British troops will march to Cabul at all. The announcement of this proclamation was made in the telegram we published towards the end of last week. and follows one, dated the 28rd December, stating! "It is reported that the Ameer has fled, leaving Yakoob Khan in power." Hence it may be conjectured how this proclamation has been brought about. Yakoob had been imprisoned for several years previous to the outbreak of the present war by the Ameer, and possibly the result of Yakoob coming into power may be the abandonment of the defence against the advance of the British troops on the part of the new ruler, and successful efforts Daylight. -- Kwangtung leaves for Coast to conclude peace. Under the circumstances the English Government is likely to lend a very favourable ear to representations from the new Ameer. Should peace be thus concluded another feather. will be placed in the cap of the Beaconsfield Government, Formerly Yakoob Kban was distinguished by much energy and military skill, but there have been rumours that confinement in prison had impaired his powers both of sight and

> The announcement in the telegram we publish to day that "thirty transports have been chartered at Odessa to convey home the Russian army of occupation in the South" is a most important one. In the removal of the Russian army at present occupying all the strong positions from Constantinople to the Balkun mountains we have the strongest evidence possible of the intention of the Czar to carry out the Berlin Treaty, and of the stability of the peace recently concluded. Many people began to incline to the opinion a few months ago, that there would be another war in Turkey before the Russians left Prumelia, and that in that war British croops would play a by no means inconsiderable part. Now, there is every reason to believe the British fleet will have no occasion to pass the winter in the sea of Marmora after all. As the flight of the Ameer and the proclaiming of Yakoob Khan presages a speedy peace in Afghanistan, so does the chartering of thirty vessels for the conveyance of Russian troops from Roumelia afford a strong hope that peace will not again be disturbed in Turkey; and the new year may be begun after all without the presence of any depressing war clouds on the horizon.

> > REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the "China Mail!"]

(Per E. E. A. & O, Telegraph Co.'s Line.) London, 27th December, 1878; Thirty transports have been chartered at Odessa to convey home the Russian Army of occupation in the South.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE P. & O. E. S. Pekin, with the out. ward English Mails, is nearly 0 days out from Singapore.

IT is announced in the Government Gazette of Sainrday that Mr Alfred May has been -appointed acting fifth master at the Central * THE GREAT FIRE.

The late fire will doubtless long continue to be the chief theme of conversation among us, as it is not only a startling and terrifying catasirophe, but sffects the pockets of many, and that is a matter which leaves a much more permanent impression on the mind than any tragedy or orime, however sensational. It is to be hoped, however, that the disaster which has befallen us will teach us wiedom, and that we may profit by the lesson. horse is out of the stable; let us now see that the bolts and bars are made good so as to enable us to securely fasten up the next fiery steed we may have to watch over. The authorities are doing what they can to amend their errors, and we trust that the signs of repentance they are now displaying may not be transitory. The great want at the late fire was proper organization, the next was a want of decision on the part of responsible men, and the third was water. There were of course a great many other wants-in fact, everything was wanting but fire, confusion and noise. Everybody was quite certain that if he had been charged with the management of affairs he could John Penman and another v. Smith and have stopped the progress of the fire; there was indeed any quantity of the " If they would only take my advice" policy; but the only policy adopted was of the negative order. Another want which was much felt was a good Hook and Ladder Company, like the Miholoong of Shanghai; our Fire Brigade department might well take a model from the Model Settlement in this and many other departments of Municipal Government. Many people were astounded when they learnt there was no such corps in existence here. There cannot be the slightest doubt in the minds of any but the most bigotted and self-opinionated people, or consent. The question was whether discover what means may be devised to but that such a corps, properly officered, would have saved at least three-fourths of the property destroyed, while a more inexpensive corps could not well be organized. The deficiency of water is another crying evil which could be easily prevented. Of course, improperly discharged were they notentialed there is a limit to the height to which water can be forced by an engine; but why should we not have large fire-tanks on the higher-levels which could be filled from the sea by one set of engines, whence it could be pumped from the tanks on to the burning building? It would not do to use the fresh water, as our supply, which is limited enough already, would not be adequate. We commend this idea, which is not a

new one, to the authorities. The debris is being cleared away slowly, but it will be menths before the town assumes its former appearance. There are no new incidents to relate, but the Police and the brigades are doing all they can to put matters straight. The soldiers have been withdrawn from sentry at night, and are now employed during the day only.

The Magistrates continue to be occupied hearing cases of petty larceny which are the outcome of the fire. Edward Fisher, the man in whose house the fire started, was arrested to-day on a warrant, on a charge of arson. The case was remanded till to-morrow. He denies all knowledge of the matter. The warrant was executed by Inspector Matheson this afternoon, in the office of Messrs Arnhold, Karberg & Co., where the accused had presented his claim to recover on his insurance policy.

It ought to be mentioned that Col. Moore, of the Ordnance Department, and his assistants (Messrs Horan and Clarke), did good service, not only in providing, first gun cotton, and subsequently gunpowder, immediately the orders for these were issued; but also in saving furniture and other property from the R. C. Cathedral premises, and the block opposite the Civil Hospital. The thanks of those whom they served have been tendered to the department. Speaking of this matter, we may add that most efficient assistance was rendered at the R. C. Cathedral and adjacent buildings by a party of men from the French Mail steamer Peiho, Captain anything of him. Rasquilini; and that Father Borghignoli tendered his thanks to the Captain for the aid so timeously given.

An alarm was sounded about half-past six last evening, but on inquiry it was found that the feelish zeal or panic of some resident had been the means of disturbing Town destroyed are quite equal to their the neighbourhood unnecessarily. A chimney in Poel Street was smoking, as chimneys sometimes will, and the smoke was issuing from the doorway of the house! hence the alarm.

We shall be glad to publish any suggestions, from whatever source, which may reachens concerning the late disaster, and trust that our correspondents will give attention to the means of preventing fire, and of obecking its spread, in the future.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates sitting.) December 80, 1878.

ALLEGED ARSON. -- RERIOUS CHARGE IN COR. - front of the house is an open space. RECTION WITH THE LATE DISLETCH. Edward Fisher, aged 37, described as a general storekeaper formerly carrying on business at No. 8 Hing Lanng Street, was brought up, charged with attempting to defrand the Lengahire Insurance Of meany

that the defendant was arrested by virtue Esq., for unlawfully and maliciously and feloniously setting fire to a certain house No. 3 Hing Loung Street, with intent thereby to defraud the Lancashire Insurance Company of the sum of five thousand dollars, the amount the goods alleged to be stored in the said house were insur d for. He was arrested by Inspector Matheson at the office of Mesers Arnhold Karberg & to have attempted to defraud. Matheson applied for a remand. The case was therefore remanded till to morrow

William Chalmers, seaman H. M. S. Victor Emanuel, drunk and disorderly. Fined 50 cents and ordered to pay 80 cents

Charles Conway, scaman, Sailor's Home, drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police at the Home. Fined \$5 for being drunk and disorderly and \$3 for the assault.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. (Before Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)

December 30, 1878.

of the S. S. Commonwealth. Mr Francis, instructed by Mr Dennys, appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs; and Mr Hayilar, instructed by Mr Toller of Mesars Sharp Toiler and Johnson, for the defendants (the Captain and owners of the steamer). Mr Francis said that the claim was for wages until the ship arrived in the United Kingdom, hospital expenses, sustenance and passage money to the United Kingdom. the men, he said, shipped in England for a unfortunate condition in which our fire-2 years' voyage and on the vessel's arriving | extinguishing apparatus was found. nere the plaintiffs were sick and unable to suppose Mr Hennessy will see his way to proceed. Other men were shipped, the plaintiffs being sent to Hospital and discharged without their own knowledge

the Captain was sutitled to discharge the men against their wish, and was Station. Under such a comforting possithus to completely put an end to their | bility, the subjoined queries may not be out contract; if so was he not bound to provide o place. for their subsistence and their return to England, and pay their expenses as well as their wages until they arrived home. If being to receive wages and compensation? The learned counsel said he thought there was no need to trouble the Court with evidence in the case, except perhaps that of the Shipping master. He could find no cases, he said, which governed this one, but the Merchant Shipping Act was very clear. The voyage had not terminated, but the Brigade Superintendents, and that they Captain left the plaintiffs on shore and have been persistently ignored or pooliabsolutely discharged them against their poohed? Is it, or is it not, true that the will, and the vessel roturns here. The men appointments on the Fire Brigade have were ready and willing to return to their lately been made more as governmental lobs duty, but he Captain refused to take them than as a means towards the security of back. The learned counsel read a number of public property? Was Mr Carvalho seen and referred dis Loraship to the fire or not? decision which he had recently given

in some respec a a similar case.

were entitled to.

The Court rose a little before 4 o'clock. His Lordship reserving judgment:

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1878. Sir,-Can you or any of your readers inform me where or in what place was the emperienc d Second Assistant Superintendent of the Government Fire Brigade at the late Conflagration? I myself was in many places for about 2 days, but could not see

Yours truly, ENQUIRER.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Hongkong, Lec. 80th 1878. Sir,-At a time like the present, (although no doubt those whose province it is to superintend the rebuilding of the duty) a suggestion or two may not be out of place, and if you will allow me the space I shall be glad to give a few ideas, some of which have no doubt occurred to yourself and others interested.

It was quite noticeable that when Koss & Co.'s premises were in full blaze the Iron Shutters o mpletely confined flumes to the interior of the building on the ground floor, and it was, in my opinion, mainly owing to this fact that the opposite block was saved, as it enabled the Bire Brigade to play continuously on the expused cide. Had Mezara Kosa & Co.'s shutters been of wood the heat would have been too great to have permitted the Firemen have atoud their ground | and a very wise blan would be to enforce all lower shop fronts to have these shutters fitted in fiture, more especially in narrow streets and where, as is often the case, the whole

Fire walls would also be a source of pennrity and in rebuilding and replanning the town these could easily be consumbted ! they are simply brick walls of a certain thickness placed at squal or unequal-dis-

Hougkong be built north and south and wife is reduced, is indeed most pitiful; main land. Five men here went in a boat if out out of feather," as it was called; that of a warrant granted by C. V. Creagh, would thus confine any fire within their compelled to wait upon her lord's most to endeavour to find a river, as well as to is, the hackles and saddle-feathers were bounds and certainly prevent its spread trivial requirements, at any hour of the day see if the country looked inviting for cut short, the sickles and tail-feathers were. K. & W.; they could easily be arranged so or night; required by native etiquette to prospecting. Not finding any river, and "docked" like the tail of a racehome, the as to be completely hidden except at the satisfy her appetite—except upon rare oc- not liking the look of the country, the ex- wing and other feathers also trimmed. This Cross Streets, where the upper portion casions, such as holidays, festivals &c. — plorers returned to the Dove. Here again was to prevent the opposing bird having so would of a necessity be visible; they would apart from the rice-winner—to be subordin— the natives appeared and proved to be very much by which to take hold, as the game be of the same height as the houses, and ated in the household system even to her friendly, trading freely, exchanging pigs, cock fights with his spurs, and usually retwo rows of houses would come back to One might indeed continue the subject until fruit and vegetables for old hoop iron, deadly blow. The natural spurs were sawn back, and would be of great service to the the end of the chapter,—but how long a (which savages are proverbially very fond off to about half an inch long, and over the Co., the agents of the Company he is said fire brigade, as the different wards could be chapter! Suffice it to say, that all Europeans of), beads and such like trinkets. numbered and the alarm bell would send with any interest in this land of our sojourn- On the 12th the vessel proceeded on her ficial and more deadly weapons of steel or all the available appliances for extinguish- ing, will be only too glad to welcome any way along the coast. Shortly after leaving, silver. These varied in length from one ing fire, to its immediate seat. These, such change in the treatment of "the their troubles commenced; and five of the and a quarter to about three inches. We a catastrophe as occurred on Christmas prefigure.

Yours do., OBSERVER.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." -December 30, 1878.

SIR,-Though still in an extremely depressed frame of mind, from breathing smoke for the last four days, and from surveying the inert but elequent conglomeration of charred ruin which is still smoking in several places, I must write you a line. Oppressed as I am-and as we all must be-with this atmosphere of fire, and bu ning as I am-and as all must be-with indignation at the fact that the great firegod has yet once again caught us napping, This was a claim for wages and compen- and made us pay dearly for our miserable sation made by one John comman, late 8rd | sense of security, -1 cannot but add my Engineer, and Herbert Bishop, late fireman, | little scrap to the many suggestions you are certain to receive during the next week or more. There are one or two things in writing about a fire of which it is most nicessary to be careful. One of these is, in accepting whatever rumour one hears as truth; and another is, in expecting too much from poor human nature unaccustomed to great emergencies. With these few postulates, I will now ask, through you, one or two questions touching the appoint a Commission to inquire either into the reasons why the fire was permitted to go to the Police Station unchecked, or to prevent the next from reaching the Gap

> Is it true or untrue that there never was, from beginning to end, a full and satis- Canal. factory supply of water? Did or did not the suction pipes of the engines have anything else than mud to suck up after the tide receded from the raya? Was the scheme of providing additional auction hose mentioned at last Council meeting carried out before the present fire, or was it not? Is it a fact, or not, that numerous suggestions have been made by the assistant Fire

Is it true, or not, that the acting Fire Mr Haylların responding said that he was orders for permission to use gunpowder to old roots from last season. prepared to shew that the action taken Was there, or was there not, a conflict of whis client was what was sanctioned by anthority between military and local offi- been sent by the Geographical Bureau, to water edge, and it was found out the next the Board of Trade. Hundreds of seamen cials on the question of who ought to give India. were annually discharged under similar the order to blow up? Was there, or not, circumstances and in a similar manner. It gunpowder on the scene by midnight, was really no hardship on the seaman; the while the first charge was fired thre hours expenses far exceeded their wages and afterwards, at 10 minutes past 8 a.m.? Is Lately certain persons, interested, in order the Board of Trade paid their hospital fees, it true that the Governor was quite ignorand also paid their passage home. This was ant of the terrible state of things until 3 formed a company and having collected a o'clock, or is it not? Is it true, or not, Mr Fraccis said this was the first in- that the Commodors volunteered to accept bought various apparatus required for the timation they had had of this, and besides | the responsibility of blowing up, while | they had no desire to throw themselves on others were debating the marker? Did, or the Government; they only asked what they | did not, the fuses take a long time to burn, after it had taken a considerable time to get | capital, Mr Hayllar said in reply to His at them? Is it true, or is it not, that the Lordship that the ship had no obliga- same mistake made in 1867 was repeated tion to return here, and that therefore this year, when the houses next to the fire when she left here for Japan, it was the were blown up and the fire fed thereby, same as though she had left for good and instead of a clean gap being made by blowall. There was no law on the face of ling up one or two houses well clear of the the earth to compel a master to take a man | flames? Is it a fact or a fiction that the on board again afterhe had been discharged. | Miholoongs of Shanghai, with their books Granted that the men were unable to and their ladders, would have kept the fire proceed the section provided that they were | within a small compass without the aid entitled to wages only to the date of their | gunpowder? Is it true, or not, that the being left on shore. The Board of Trade | establishment of this important section in would not undertake the responsibility Fire Brigade has been strongly adv cated if there was any possibility of making the lafter very fire since 1867? Is it, or is not, the fact that, powder having failed on account of bungling, there was nothing else to ake its place? Is it, in point of fact correct to say, or is it not, that th tremendons fire simply worked itself out, and was not really extinguished at all i

Now, from what I saw, what I heard, what I have read in the newspaper reports and articles, and what I have known during a few years' residence here, these are pertinent questions. The most pertinent of all questions-and one which I trust as a faithful journalist you will not cease to insist upon -is. When is the professional Fire Master for this Colony to be sent for? We have had quite enough of this amateur playing at fire extinguishing. Let a handsome salary now be given to a man who knows the business, who will be responsible for what is done, and who will have the power and means at his disp sal to pull down and "blow up" either houses of pretensious officials on the spot. Yours &o.,

JUNIUS, JUN. Japan.

Islands will shortly come to Tokio on board

New Year compliments. Minister, who has for some past been suffer- for prospecting. Thirteen of the advening from lung disease, died at 9 a.m. on the turers armed themselves, not only with 7th instant. The funeral took place on the rifles and revolvers to protect themselves 9th instant, at 1 p.m. Their Excellencies, against any treacherous attack from the officials of high standing, were present. We the usual outfit of a digger, and went to are open to correction when we state that | seek for the precious metal they had come there has lately seemed to us to be a dis- so far for. Their search was unsuccessful, position on the part of the Japanese, to pay and so they determined to return to the more respect than hitherto to the female vessel and try their luck eldewhere. portion of their community. That they number of the natives were seen, but they deserve such respect is without doubt, their | were perfectly friendly. many estimable qualities in their private life certainly deserve more recognition than | was raised and with a fair breeze her head is customerily bestowed upon them by their was put for the North Eastern entrance of lords and mesters. To Epropean minds, the the guil, casting sucher again among

failure, selling on the London market at 25 | traders. The day before arriving there | held on the 9th, and the prisoner was comper cent, discount from its cost price!

It is said that the large canal inside the and a permanent building for a Naval its completion. Officers from the Architec-

estimates of cost. from Inouye, captain of the Japanese man- natives with spears. Hearing noise, and of-war Seiki Kwan, now at Toulon, to the having an instinctive knowledge of the cause ship having now been completed, she will rifle or point a revolver at once rushed on start for the return voyage to Japan, via | deck and a furious struggle ensued. The coasts of Italy, and through the Suez dusky outlines of a number, of the naked

A sailing ship in western style, built at the ship building yard of Messrs. Kawasaki diggers; while the air was rent with their & Co., Tsukiji, was launched on the 10th savage yells. For about five minutes it was instant. She is called the Riyozen Maru, and is 87 feet in length, 20 feet in breadth, flow, as the natives hurled spears and shot 64 in depth, and has 2 masts. The tonnage

is 133 tons. In the Mitsu Bishi Commercial School only Western Books upon trade have been taught up to the present time, but from the beginning of this month, Chinese books will the field. Thankful for their escape, and also be taught.

Officers from the Agricultural Department and the Industrial Section of the Tôkiô Fu. will shortly proceed to the villages where the rice has suffered from locusts this year, the acctions of the Merchant Shipping Act on the ground during the progress of the to dig out, and examine the roots of the plants, and burn those in which the injurious worms seem to be living. It has in the West Stanley case, which we Supering ndent saw the utter use essuess of been proved that the locusts of this year water before midnight, and that he gave were produced from worms remaining in the

Various specimens of timber have recently

The fishermen of Yobukoura, Higashimatsuaragôri, of Hizen, were, for a long time, noted for their skill in whale fishing. to promote and increase the business, have capital of upwards of 20,000 yen, have fishing. The local authorities also wishing to stimulate the industry, have lent money amounting to over 1,400 yen as part of the

A TALE OF SUFFERING. (Japan Gazette.)

As we informed our readers in yesterday's issue of the Guzette of the arrival by the Sir Lancelot of a number of ocean waifs who had been picked up by that vessel in Pit's Passage, we now give the story of the unfortunates as detailed by the Captain of the Dove to our reporter. Becoming infected with the gold mani-

raging in Melbourne, sixteen men, Alexa

Ross Rennie, Jas. Bull, James Robertson, Arthur Peck, Arthur Stephens, Robert Herbertson, John Falconer, John Kellet George Furnell, Daniel Filmore, James Gullen, - Nelson, Henry Heisterman Chas. Greenwood, George Wilcox and Otter Schmidt, formed themselves into a company and purchased the schooner Dove with the intention of prospecting the north eastern part of New Guinea for gold, Mr Ross was chosen captain of the craft, and selected James Bull as his chief mate. The little vessel was provisioned for six months and sailed from Melbourne on the 3rd of August. Before sailing Mr Alex. McLeod joined the party as a passenger. The prospectors had every requisite with them necessary for the expedition they were bound upon and left Melbourne full of hope and courage, for the comparatively unknown, inhospitable and unhealthy country of New Guinea. The little craft made fair progress, and behaved handsomely when struck with a thunder squall on the night of the 11th. The darkness was intense and rendered all the more so by occasional flashes of most vivid lightning which, for the instant, lighted up the vessel and then left the mariners in greater darkness than before. Although severe the storm was not of long duration, and the Dore was found afterwards to be nothing the Talyu. Maru, in order to congratulate the worse for its After a good passage of His Majesty the Mikado on his safe return twenty five days the schooner entered the from his recent trip and also to offer the gulf of Astrolabe and cast anchor in Port Constanting, on the north-eastern part of Saigo, Kawamura, and certain other natives, but with picks and shovels, and

On the 9th September the Dove's anchor

of the sum of \$5,000. The charge set forth | Streets. These walls would in a place like | abject subjection to which a Japanese house- | detached group of islands not far from the | entering. Before fighting the cock was could be so arranged as to be built where own sons-such a lot is not to be envied. cocoanuts, potatoes, bananas and other quires a hold with the beak to strike a

> compled with the Taitam-tuk water scheme, daughters of lovely Japan" as this atten- mon fell sick with fever. The vessel's head which doubtless will now be carried out, dance of men of the highest rank at the was put to the north in anticipation of metal spars as officery is simply a mistake; would render almost an impossibility such obsequies of a Japanese lady would seem to falling in with a river, or at all events a on the contrary, they actually lessened good harbour where they might safely re- | because the shortened the sufferings of the Certificates that their studies have been main and recruit. However the sickness completed will shortly be given by the of the men increased until all hands, the that individual blows are more sharply felt, Agricultural Bureau to the students in the captain as well as the rest, were laid up, since it is constantly found that cooks which Fu and Ken who are far advanced in the Unable to manage the vessel her sails were will fight unflinchingly in their natural study of the manufacture of black teas. clewed up and she lay to for a fortnight, condition "will not stand steel;" and even There could not possibly be given a better during which time two of the men suc-some which will fight well thus, flinch proof of the flightiness and want of thorough- cumbed to the fever and were buried by under a long battle in silver .- Illustrated ness in the Japanese, character than this | their comrades in the deep. The first man | Book of Poultry. announcement. Here is an art which it has | who died was George Wilcox, who departed taken the Chinese hundreds of years to this life on the 23rd September; and was bring to perfection, which-profiting by the | followed by Arthur Stephens on the 26th. | Chinese traditions and experience, our tea | Although all the hands were sick three or | and es, equally in English courts of justice, planters in India have only lately acquired four were not altogether disabled; and but a case occurred recently in India in after a score of years' study and heavy Captain Rennie managed to keep the which the law was administered as speedily losses on their first ventures. Yet here we | reckoning. These men now exerted them- as could be desired. A Mahommedan have a Government giving certificates of selves and got the schooner under way once fanatic shot Captain Pemberton, the discompetency in a difficult art to men who can | more, steering for Threshold Bay, where | trict engineer, on account of some imaginonly have been working at it, at the most, | they expected to get some assistance as it | ary grievance against another man altogefor about two years and the product of was known that some Malays resided there ther. The crime was committed on the

> > another man, John Kellet, was buried.

Finding the helpless condition of the crew | the entire approval of his co-religionists. College constructed thereon. The expense the natives planned an attack upon the for this work is estimated at 200,000 yen, vessel, which they carried into execution on and three years are expected to elapse before | the second night. Fearing no treachery, and exhausted by sickness and fatigue, the tural section of the Public Works Depart- | crew were in their bunks seeking rest, when ment have been engaged to superintend the about two o'clock in the morning they were work. It is further rumoured that the old aroused to a sense of their danger by the building of the Naval College is to be taken | barking and yelling of some dogs chained down and an office of the Naval Department | forward. The natives had come cautiously to be erected in its place. For this purpose, upon the vessel, and clambered over the the officers are now making drawings and | bows without being seen, but as soon, as they set foot upon the deck the dogs barked A report has reached the Marine office, furiously, and were at once attacked by the effect that the repairs of the engines of that | of it, those men who were able to raise a cannibals were observed forward and formed marks for the rifles and revolvers of the I uncertain which way the tide of battle would arrows with great rapidity and force. spear penetrated the fleshy part of the mate's arm, passing through it and entering his side. However the natives retired, with a yell, leaving the prospectors masters of considering the place unsafe for a further stay, sail was set and the Dove proceeded to sea. It was anticipated that there were about fifteen canoes engaged in the attack. each holding from four to six men, though probably not more than a dozen men boarded the schooner. To make more sure of their intended victims, the savages had despatched a cance in advance of the main party with the object of scuttling the vessel. On ar riving alongside these worthics attempted to make a hole in the schooner, close to the day that they had nearly accomplished their

> Once more at sea the distressed mariners steered their little bark for Amboina, which is situated on the north-west of New Guinea. Soon after sailing it was found that the schooner was leaking very badly, and an examination of the cause proved that she worm eaten, a consequence of the men being too sick to clean her bottom. On the 2nd November the Dove was in Manipi or Boura Strait, about forty miles from Amboina Head winds and strong currents, however, made progress impossible; and though the few men able to do any work were kept at the pumps, it-became apparent to all that the leak was gaining on them. On the 9th the welcome sight of a sail was observed in the distant horizon. The Dove's long boat was got ready, manned and started to intercept the vessel. With anxious hearts the men pulled for four long hours and then were rewarded by being seen. The ship thus intercepted proved to be the Sir Laticelot, bound from London to Japan. The sorrowful story of the distressed men was told in a few words, and the captain of the Sir Lancelot agreed to carry all the men and their effects to his port of destination, The Dove was brought alongside the Sir Lancelot, and the goods and chattels of the unfortunate prospectors being taken on board, she was left in a sinking condition with two feet of water in her hold.

The Sir Lancelot then headed for Yokohama, the captain tending the sick men from his private medical stores, and the crew willingly maderoom for them. Under this kind treatment most of the men began to revive though, on the 25th November. another of the sickmen, Charles Greenwood. succumbed and was buried at sea.

The Sir Lancelot made slow progress owing to light winds and calms, but on the 11th December Japan was sighted, on the 14th the pilot came on board and yesterday the 16th she arrived in harbour.

COCKFIGHTING AS IT WAS. Previous to fighting, the cooks were ways subjected to a regular course of training or preparation, just as in the case pugilists, or competitors in more innocent athletic sports; the object in this case, an in those, being to reduce the weight by eli minating all superfluous flesh, and leave the bird in the height of mere muscular power spirit, and endurance. Every "cock feeder or trainer, almost, bad his secret and some of these secrets were highly valued. Aperient medicine was almost always given, The wife of H. E. Okabo, the late Home. New Guines. Here preparations were made followed by a spare diet of the most curious compounds and the birds were regularly "sparred" or sweated, by having their spurs muffled, and being allowed then to peck and fly at each other, care being of course taken that they inflicted no serious injury. This treatment was carried on for a period varying from a week to a fortnight! but in some cares, where the time was very short, the poer birds were " reduced" very fant by being swung vigorously upon a clothes line, their efforts to "hold on causing them to perspire freely. Modern "authorities" skilled in these matters doubt much if such severe treatment did not often pause more harm than good; but into this question we have no motive for

stumps were affixed by hollow sockets artimust in fairness, conorde that to describe combatants; though there is little doubt

Tur law's delay is often complained of. whose labour has turned out a complete looking after the interests of some Dutch 8th October. The preliminary inquiry. was mitted for trial on the 10th. He was sen-On casting chor in Threshold Bay the | tenced to be hanged on the 11th and the Naval Department, Tokio, is to be filled up | Malays and natives came on board to trade. | sentence was carried out on the 17th, with

Quotations. Hongkong, December 30, 1878.)PlUM.—New Patna, cash....\$660 Old Patna, cash,... -New Benaves, cash, 580 Old Benares, cash, New Malwa, cash, 720 Taels, 32 Allowance cash, 780 Old Malwa, oredit, --Allowance Tacla 32 Exchange.

30 days' sight, 6 months' night, Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/75 Bombay, demand Rupees, Shanghai, demand, Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... Gold Leaf, 991 fine English Sovereigns, Australian Sovereigns,

Hongkong Bank, 60 % prem. Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600 China l'raders' Ins. Co., \$1,500 Yangteze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 725 Chinese Insurance Co., \$230 North China Ios. Co., Tls. 1,250 H. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$880 China Fire Ins. Co., \$210 H. K. & W. Dock Co., \$7 % prem. H.K. U. & M. S. boat Co., \$5 % prem. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 17 China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 102. Hongkong Gas Co., \$85 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65 China Sugar Refining Co., 45

Temperature.

of 1877, £108/10.

Chinese Imperial Loan, £109

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Hongkons, December 30,	1878.
BAROMETER- 9 A.M	·30.37£
Do. 1 P.M	30.280
Do. 4 P.M	30 270
THERMOMETER-9 A.M	51
Do. 1 P.M	58
Do. 4 P.M	56
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	41
Do. Do. 1 P.M.	44
Do. Do. 4 P.M.	44
Do. Maximum	58
Do, Minimum over night	48

Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:-VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG. When Mar. Liverpol* Fortress Monros 26. Underwriter, London 18. Aydenham. Oardiff | 28, Abbey Cooper, Hamburg 30, Sumarlide, Oardiff' 31, Charmer, Bury St. Edmunds, Penarti Cardiff 7. Alfredo, Penarth 9. Urania. 10, Corea. London Cardiff 11. Lota. Cardiff 16, Friedrich, Hamburg 3. Excelsior. 17, James Shepherd London Liverpool via Con 17, Cilurnúid, Liverpool 16, Jacobine. Bremen 19. Hermann, Maasluis B. Jan Peter. Liverpool 12, Hector (6.),

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Intimations.

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OODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GUDOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS-Discharged-alongside the WHARS, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

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APPAIN W. OLARK has all the Nocossary Appliances for Salving OFERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth

of 20 Fathoms. For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to LANE, ORAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

HUTCHING begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply MUTTON, &co., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support. SHOP - WHLLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral. Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

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MENDERS will be Received until the 187 JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute PURCHASE OF LEASE for One, Two or Three Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY known as the China Merchants STEAM MAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, Situate at Hongkow, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, comprising several Rows of GO-DOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the Staff, and several Rows of WORK-SHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete, and Covering an Area of about 24 acres. The Foundry commands a fine River Frontage of about 800 feet Long, and is the most complete for the Building and

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In case of a Sale, one half of the Purchase Money can remain on mortgage of the Property assigned, and in the case of Lease, substantial security must be given for the due fulfilment of the same by the Lessee. The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender. For further Particulars, apply to

CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. Hankow Road,

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BELINGHAL December 8, 1878.

Aotices of Firms.

NOTIOE.

Have This Day RESUMED my BUSI NESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers. Hongkong, December 21, 1878.

NOTICE.

FITHE Undersigned being about to CLOSE his Firm at Swatow, hereby notified that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay. The Interest and Good will of his Business

has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & Co. E. VINCENT.

Hengkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE. ATOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. bave This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. PITHAN to Sign per Procuration. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Bongkong, November 30, 1878. NOTICE, To PLYK-This Day catablished myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE. Office, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, Desember 8, 1878.

For saie. NOTICE. TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK,

BEEF! BEEF! Ship "Commissary." Tietces PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For SALE by private barpain on the above Ship. Prices Moderata. Houghting, December 26, 1878

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FOR BALE, IN QUARTITIZE TO BUIL PURCHASERS. Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point. A. NEWTON,

Manager. Heigrong, November 5, 1878.

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Steamers from Shanghal. Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 1st January. PAROEL PAUKAGES will be received at the Office antil 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. A REDUCTION Is made on RETURN PAS-

BAGE TICKETS. For further information as to Freight Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent. Hongkong, December 27, 1878.



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-

TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON; VIA BOMBAY,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

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Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed vid Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will transferred to the Calcutta steamer

For further Particulars, apply to A. MolVER, Superintendent. Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

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WANTED. Possession 15th January next,

In a Central Locality. HOUSE or 4-6 ROOMS. Apply to

A. B. C., China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

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MEYER & Co. Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO LET, THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

TO BE LET. STONE-FLOORED mwo Excellent GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1878,

Insurances. THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL' INSUR-

ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Accepts in Hongkong for the abovenamed Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the titual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-

count of 20 per cent. A tention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premia for Life Insurance in

MEYER & Co. Houskons, August 16, 1678,

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

melchers & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874

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NOTICE.

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J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent, pro tem. Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. From Pier to East Point.

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Prince Arthur	•••••	k Wills	Brit.	bqe	296	Dec.		14 Chinese		
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Men-of-war in Hongkong Marbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor-	Flag.	Class.	Tons,	Guns.	Н. Р.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Bayan Fly Kestrel Lapwing Magpie Marques del Duero	7 6 6 6 6 6 6	Russian British British British British Spanish British	corvette gun vessel gun vessel gun vessel gun vessel transport military hospital	2000 584 592 784 774 550 2591	10 4 4 3 3	120 100 160 160	Dec. 28 Dec. 21 Dec. 14 Dec. 25 Nov. 4 Nov. 7	R. Poyel M. McNell Fred. Edwards W. J. Scott W. M. Lang Guilleume Lobe
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